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## From the Administrator's Desk...

Tom Johnson, California's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, visited us last Saturday and summarized the progress we have made. His report was upbeat, and there are indications of even better things to come. Much of this can be attributed to the climate in Sacramento where Governor Schwarzenegger has promised "No cuts for veterans." In fact, his budget, which will be presented to the legislature July 1<sup>st</sup>, carries increases in many significant areas. There has been a \$36 billion increase in spending for veterans' projects since the Governor took office.

Ground will be broken next month for the two new veterans homes, but you may be asking, "What's in it for us?" Additional personnel in both patient care and maintenance and, less visible, the important infrastructure study which



Marcella M. McCormack Administrator

will be the basis of vital maintenance. Less visible still, will be installation to telecommunications systems to link us to the federal system so that your records will be immediately available when you go to Veterans Administration hospitals.

Secretary Johnson quoted Alfred North Whitehead, "A sign of maturity and progress is when you can have both order and change, and that can come about only when you have stability of leadership." This is a time when we are lucky to have "all our ducks in a row" and we intend to make all the improvements we can to improve your life at the California Veterans Home at Yountville.

## A Matter of Security

Tina Helmuth, Chief of Security

Our KVET station is warning residents that some bicycles have "wandered" (a carefully chosen word since some have only been "borrowed") and recommends that owners take precautions to secure them. Both a lock and prominent display of the owner's name are the first step. If your bike disappears, notify Security immediately; the sooner officers search, the more likely they are to be successful.



This might be a time to review the rules for bicycle operation. Many don't know they are essentially the same as for automobiles:

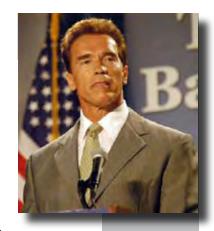
- Obey all traffic controls, including coming to a halt at stop-signs;
- ➤ Ride your bike near the right hand side of the road;
- Give pedestrians the right of way;
- Look out for cars at cross streets and driveways;

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n Memorial Day, we pay our respects to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Regardless of the assignment, the brave men and women who lost their lives have earned our deepest gratitude. Their distinguished service, whether on land, on sea or in the air, will forever live in the hearts of freedom-loving people throughout the world.



No words or deeds can truly convey our appreciation for the service members who were killed in the line of duty. Their decision to bear arms, leaving family and friends behind as they go into combat, speaks volumes of their special devotion to our nation. Although they may not be present, their legacy resonates in life's simplest freedoms.

When we choose to worship, or not worship, their legacy resonates. When we can read any book we want – their legacy resonates. When we can root for our favorite team in a sports contest – their legacy resonates. When we can travel anywhere in the nation – their legacy resonates. When we can enjoy the fruits of our own labor – their legacy resonates. When we can engage in an endless array of activities that others in oppressed nations cannot enjoy – their legacy resonates.

Ever mindful of our freedoms, I encourage all Californians to honor the memory of fallen patriots with appropriate activities and observances on Memorial Day. As the sun rises the day after, we can look forward to the morning ahead for our nation, awed by the knowledge that it is made possible by those who gave their lives so that we and future generations may live in freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2007, as "Memorial Day" in California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 22nd day of May 2007.

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- ➤ Check for traffic overtaking you, but don't swerve when doing so;
- ➤ And, remember no bicycles (or tricycles) on sidewalks.

The Vehicle Code allows local authorities to establish additional rules, so be aware that, when you ride into town, you are subject to their regulations.



## Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day, 2007

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

On Memorial Day, Americans pause with solemn gratitude and deep respect for all our fallen service men and women who have given their lives for our country and our freedom.

Through the generations, the courageous and selfless patriots of our Armed Forces have secured our liberty and borne its great and precious cost. When it has mattered most, patriots from every corner of our Nation have taken up arms to uphold the ideals that make our country a beacon of hope and freedom for the entire world. By answering the call of duty with valor and unrelenting determination, they have set a standard of courage and idealism that inspires us all.

All Americans honor the memory of the lives that have been lost in defense of our freedom. Our Nation mourns them, and their example of strength and perseverance gives us resolve. We are also thankful to those who have stood by our service men and women in times of war and times of peace.

Today, the members of our Armed Forces follow in a proud tradition handed down to them by the heroes that served before them. They are protecting our Nation, advancing the blessings of freedom, and laying the foundation for a more peaceful tomorrow through service that exemplifies the good and decent character of our Nation. America is grateful to all those who have worn the uniform of the Armed Forces of the United States, and we will never forget their sacrifices for our liberty.

On Memorial Day, we honor all those who have fallen by remembering their noble sacrifice for freedom. We also pray for our troops, their families, and for the peace we all seek.

In respect for their devotion to America, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved on May 11, 1950, as amended (64 Stat. 158), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has also designated the minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 28, 2007, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11:00 a.m. of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I also ask all Americans to observe the *National Moment of Remembrance* beginning at 3:00 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day. I encourage the media to participate in these observances. I also request the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half staff until noon on this Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States, and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control. I also request the people of

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## The National Moment of Remembrance

The National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress, asks Americans wherever they are at 3 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day to pause in an act of national unity (duration: one minute). The time 3 p.m. was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. The Moment does not replace traditional Memorial Day events; rather it is an act of national unity in which all Americans, alone or with family and friends, honor those who died for our freedom. It will help to reclaim Memorial Day as the sacred and noble holiday it was meant to be. In this shared remembrance, we connect as Americans.

#### **How to Participate**

Wherever you are, observe the Moment at 3 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day. Ask others to remember—relatives, friends, church, neighborhood, or co-workers to observe the Moment at places such as your neighborhood, local pool, picnic grounds, etc., for one minute of Remembrance. Participation can be informal as ringing a bell three times to signify the Moment.

#### Why

- To provide a time of Remembrance for America's fallen and to make a commitment to give something back to our country in their memory.
- To have Americans participate in an act of national unity and demonstrate gratitude and respect for those who died for freedom since the founding of our Nation.
- To provide a sense of history to our citizens and ensure that younger generations understand the sacrifices made to preserve our liberties.

## Background

The idea for the Moment was born when children touring the Nation's Capital were asked by the Commission's Director what Memorial Day means. They responded, "That's the day the pool opens." A Gallup Poll revealed that only 28% of Americans know the meaning of this noble holiday.

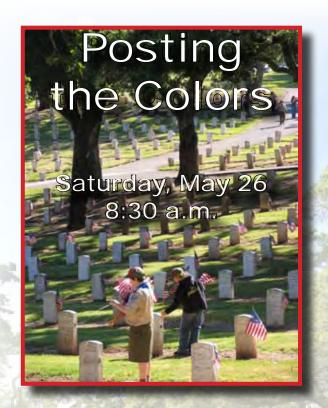
The White House Commission on Remembrance was established by Congress (PL 106-579) to promote the values of Memorial Day by acts of remembrance throughout the year. The major initiative of the Commission is the National Moment of Remembrance.

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the United States to display the flag at half staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH





# MIEMORIAL DAY EVENTS 2007

at the Veterans Home Cemetery Veterans Home of California, Yountville

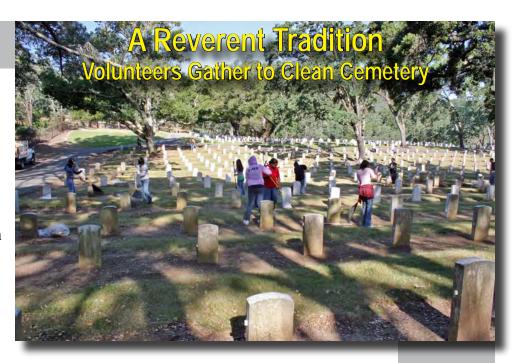




By Chris Williams

Pamilies, service organizations, residents, employees (Oh, yes, and bikers. Mustn't forget the bikers) gathered on a cool Saturday morning at the Veterans Home Cemetery. Following a time-honored custom, they began to rake, sweep, brush and steam-clean. That was almost the only sound -- they spoke in respectful whispers.

Melanie Rushing and her son, Jack (pictured below), were





early, grabbed rakes and set a rapid pace for others to follow. Resident Ruth Thompson stationed herself nearby to collect debris into plastic bags. Grounds Keeper George Bonsey, along with his wife and daughter, claimed a row of markers for their own and went straight to their work.

Foxx Whitford from the Suisan Key

Club was joined by members of the Sui-

san Kiwanis. Yountville Kiwanis was out in force and member Bob Timsley wielded a mean rake. The American Legion and AmVets worked with Cub Scouts from pack 106. The Builders Club arrived in force and was a formidable team. Then the Rough Riders appeared.

Foxx Whitford from Suisan Kiwanis Key Club





Bob Tinsley from Yountville Kiwanis.

Are there stars of cleaning? If so, there were two – • Rough Rider Mike "Troll" Maffei of Sonoma came

with a steam cleaner with which he was relentless. It was obvious from the organization that this was not the first year for him and his crew. They set a blistering pace.

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Rough Rider Mike "Troll" Maffei

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• The other was our own Susan Heims, supervisor of Volunteer Activities. She spoke not a word, but went straight to her work, snatching a rake and plastic bags and choosing a row of markers. She soon became a distant figure as she moved up and down hills.

Ceremonies surrounding Memorial Day are important here. The decoration of the cemetery and the

Watchfire will come Sunday, with the Memorial Day Program on Monday. The cleaning of the cemetery marks the beginning of a significant week.

Home Member Ruth Thompson



above: Susan Heims, Volunteer Coordinator

left: The Kiwanis Builders Club arrives to help with the cleanup.



Gardening expert and Home Member Vollie Vanderpool never passes an opportunity to beautify our Home.



Veterans Home Grounds Keeper George Bonsey, his wife Jenn and daughter Cortney made the cleanup a family effort.





The newly-renovated swimming pool's long awaited Dedication and Official Opening Ceremony was held poolside at the Veterans Home, Yountville beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 19th. Among the dignitaries attending the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony were the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson and Mrs. Betty Johnson, Secretary of Agriculture A.G. Kawamura and Mrs. Diana Kawamura, Yountville Mayor Cindy Saucerman and Vice Mayor John Dunbar, along with Council members Bill Dutton, Steve Rosa and Lewis Chilton. Home Administrator Marcella McCormack opened the ceremony by welcoming all to the dedication and introducing the special guests. The acknowledgement of Veterans Home Staff and Introduction to Pledge of Allegiance was made by Chairman, Allied Council David Salopek. Home Member Winn Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Johnson commented on the exceptional cooperation and relationship between the Veterans Home officials and the Town of Yountville who made the building of a generational opportunity possible; and the importance of people working together for a common interest. Mayor Saucerman likewise lauded this cooperative relationship and thanked all who made this project a reality.

- Home Administrator Marcella M. McCormack, CDVA Secretary Tom Johnson, and the Town of Yountville represented by Mayor Cindy Saucerman.

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The swimming pool was originally created in 1963 by the American Legion, but after more than 40-years, it was time to mend the deterioration. In May of 2005, the Veterans Home representatives and the Town of Yountville officials signed an agreement for the renovations and operation of the Yountville Community Pool. Work on the renovation commenced at the end of the 2005 swimming season. Although on State property, the Town of Yountville assumed 90% of the \$750,000 renovations cost

for a 20-year lease with optional 10-year extensions. The Town will be responsible for

## Yountville Community Swimming Pool Schedule

Pre-Season Schedule: Pool will be open on weekends only the following dates: May 26, 27, 28 (Memorial Day); June 2, 3, 9,10,16,17

## Regular Season Schedule

#### **Community Recreation Swim**

June 18 – August 10

Mon - Sun: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## **Veterans Home Member Swim**

June 18 – August 10

Mon - Sun: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### **Lap Swim**

June 18 – August 9

Mon & Wed: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

#### **Resident Swim**

June 20 – August 8

Wed: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **Teen Swim**

June 19 – August 14

Tue: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **Family Swim**

June 24 – August 19 Sun: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

#### **Recreation Swim Entrance Fees**

- **Adult** (18 & over) \$3
- **Youth** (17 & under/\*Senior \$2

#### **Recreation Swim Passes**

- Yountville Resident Single Pass \$30 (equal to 15 adult swims or 30 youth/\*senior swims)
- Yountville Resident Family Pass \$85 (2 adults/2 children) additional family member \$15
- Non-Resident Family Pass \$95 (2 adults/2 children) additional family member \$15
- \* Veterans Home Members swim free



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all operation and maintenance costs of the facility. The State will be responsible for all utility costs of operation and maintenance of access to the complex.

The name of the facility is "Yountville Community Pool." The Town of Yountville had proposed the renovation for many years while they operated the pool under a memorandum of understanding for many years. The concluding agreement in April 2005 was as a result of an earlier meeting between former Yountville Mayor Todd Carlson and California Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson.

## CDVA Secretary Tom Johnson addresses Home Members

By Lou Zauner

On Saturday, May 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm fifty Home Members and Staff met in Grant Hall for a meeting with Secretary Johnson. He talked about matters of concern to the Department of Veterans Affairs and listened to the concerns of individual Home Members.



Home Administrator Marcella McCormack opened the meeting with the introduction of Allied Council Chair David Salopek who commented on the stability and competence of both the current Department of Veterans Affairs and Home Administration.

Then Secretary Johnson briefly outlined his experience working within the State of California's guidelines and Administration, stressing the importance of the necessary teamwork and the building of relationships to get things done. As an example, he cited our need for sewage services from the Town of Yountville in trade for water rights. Objections to the project were overcome by his relationship with the Department of Fish and Game; and the trade became reality.

Secretary Johnson also discussed continuous budget problems in staffing and renovation improvements and Federal Budget shortfall; and commented on the five-million dollar renovation of the Member Services Building. On the good news side, new veterans Homes are being built in Lancaster, Ventura and West Los Angeles; and a new medical information system is under development which will be linked to the database of the Federal Veterans Administration.

During the last half of the one-hour meeting, Secretary Johnson answered questions and concerns from members of the audience. The topics covered a wide range – from need for improvement and operation of the Hospital therapy pool to Home Member employment compensation and food allowances. The problem of inadequate housing for Home Member visitors was brought up, which gave Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner the opportunity to announce a 2.3-million dollar project approved for upgrading the Hostess House facilities that will increase the accommodations to 16 units.

Secretary Johnson also made new friends by talking on a one-to-one basis with several Home Members. He showed a real dedication to and personal regard for all of his veterans homes' members.

Thank you, Secretary Johnson for your appreciated visit and messages; and we look forward to your return visits.

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# Fit for Life 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Step into Fitness" Awards

By Chris Williams; photos by Glen Nock & Chris Williams

Congratulations were in order. Even self-satisfaction could be forgiven. Karen Riddle showed delight in the growth and success of the fitness program which began the first of the year. Participants had fulfilled their promise made in January of working out three times a week and

had reaped the rewards for their efforts. Karen outlined the goals and achievements: weight loss, stronger bodies, better sleep, and greater energy and relaxation.

Last year there were 42 participants and half of them continue to exercise three times a week. This year there were 70 participants in the program which Karen said was devised and supervised by Larry Griffin. The refreshments served after the awards underlined the determination of this group: fresh fruit and veggies – not a cupcake in sight.

Karen Riddle

## Step into Fitness Participants

A.L. Cox
Dale Oleson
Alice Hargrave
Anthony Ranieri
Barret King
Bill Gothier
Carl Banks
Chet Mercer
David May
Dottie Ward
Ed Hawkins
Edith Malan

Eileen Furness Elizabeth Rosenzweig Ethel Stanley Francis Cook Frank Lynch George Cutler George Harris Katherine Kastanis Jack McHale James Dvork Ken Welker Leo Ned Leslie Cochran Linda Hansen Lou Collier Nancy Gothier Paul Ladd Carl Bowden Ralph Stellrecht Robert Adams

Robert Forrest Robert McLaughlin Robert Wild Rod West Stan Torrez Sunny Seabrook Tom Koch Valton Burda Willa Olivolo William Morris Olin Woods Anita Collier Arvord Belden Bill Metzer Bill O'Connor Dan Meraz Don Janowsky Gerald Bordenave Jerry Nunes

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## Dr. Miller's Seminars

By Lou Zauner

Dr. Sarah Miller is presenting a series on the science of Psychology. The first was held in Lee Lounge on Friday, May 18, on the topic of "Emotional Intelligence." This first discussion was attended by an intrigued audience of 25. From 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Miller presented detailed information on the mind and its connection to emotional intelligence, along with a video presentation of current research and findings about the subject.



The audience participation of questions and comments registered the interest and insight of the Home Members who attended this first session. With succinct examples of "emotional immaturity" and the need for more emotional maturity (more important than I.Q.) in dealing with day-to-day problems gave the attending group new focus and understanding of an existing but unpublicized problem.

Some upcoming seminars:

- Reading People's Faces
- Your Intricate Brain
- Talking to Yourself Ways to do it Better

Watch for the dates in The Grapevine and don't miss out on these fascinating and insightful discussions.

## Thank You from the Video Library

Our Veterans Home Video Library has received the following donations – forty tapes from James Sanderson of Yountville and 80 tapes from Lou Mailburg from Section J.

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Jim Millard
John Kidd
John Trousdale
Joyce Donegan
June Morgan
Larry Griffin
Marjorie Fletcher
Marvin Funk

Neil Remnant
Pat Smallwood
Richard McLeod
Rita Umphries
Robert Mudget
Rose Brooke
Staley Weld
Gaye Mac

## Bernard's Sports

### Hole in One

A l Meriano of Section C hit a hole in one at the Vintners Golf Course, Tuesday, May 22. Al used a 5-iron on Hole 13 which is a par 3 over water.

Al is a member of the Veterans Home Golfers and was playing with fellow members Olin Woods and Jim Ducker. For more information on the Veterans Home Golfers call the Activities Office at 944-4900.



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# Ka-Ching! Cancer Society Will Receive More Funds

By Chris Williams

Our employees' fund raisers to fight cancer continued with their entertaining Poker Walk. Administrators, staff and residents circled the five stations where they attempted to acquire the best poker hand. It took luck: Tom Peterson of Supply and Purchasing won with four kings and returned part of his winnings to the fund.

Overcast cleared just in time and participants enjoyed the circuit in different ways, some chatting, some muttering threats to their cards, and others being dragged by powerful dogs. Employees at each station offered encouragement and some players walked, ran, or were towed for several laps.

The Poker Walk generated \$350! Tom Peterson from Supply and Purchasing won the \$175 pot with his winning hand of 4 Kings! Tom generously donated a portion back to the American Cancer Society!

It's not too late for you to join in. Cookbooks are still for sale, and the next event will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> when Ben & Jerry's ice cream will be on sale in front of Holderman hospital. A quarter of the proceeds

will go to the fund. There will be ten flavors, including sorbet and four yogurts.

As Cathy Vincent who is leading the effort puts it: *There is no finish line until there is a cure.* 







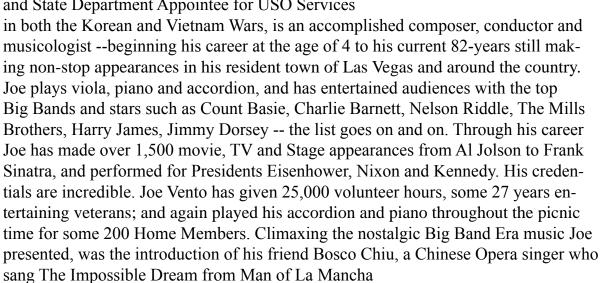
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## DAV Picnic - A Special Event

By Lou Zauner

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48 presented an exceptional annual picnic Holder 1C/1D Patio on Saturday, May 12, from 11 am to 1 pm. Ken Wingett, Representative for DAV of Yountville and Past State Commander, in coordination with Susan Heims, Volunteer Coordinator and Therapeutic Activities Supervisor, offered unusual and outstanding entertainment with the appearance of Grammy Award Winner Joe Vento.

Joe Vento, an Army veteran of World War II and State Department Appointee for USO Services



In addition to the lead host and hostess of the event, were over 25 DAV and Auxiliary volunteers from Chapter 48 traveling from all parts of California to again provide their best to the Hospital Residents and Home Members at Yountville. Violet the Clown donated her time and comic talents to the party; and Music Therapist Sharyl Colway joined with Joe Vento for even more afternoon entertainment. The buffet luncheon and picnic fare started with hot dogs and hamburgers, baked beans, fruit salad,



Violet the Clown, Music Therapist Sharyl Golway, Joe Vento

macaroni and potato salads, with beverages of fruit juices and coffee, and ended with an enormous selection of cakes -- chocolate, frosted-white and more -- plus ice cream.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to dedicated Ken Wingett, who has visited the Veterans Home at Yountville since 1936; Joe Vento; our Therapeutic Activities Department and all the terrific volunteers and staff that gave the Home a great afternoon to long remember.

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## **JUNE 2007 PROGRAMS AT THE NAPA VALLEY MUSEUM**

Sunday, June 3

2 to 3 pm

**Silk in St. Helena** with Landscape Historian, Sandra Price Sandra Price will present a lecture on the agricultural diversity of the Napa Valley before grapes became the dominant crop. Price's stories of the early days of the Napa Valley include ventures into silk worm farming, fruit orchards, plant nurseries, cattle ranching and dairy farms. Price studied landscape design at Radcliffe College and is a graduate of the Historic Landscape Institute at Monticello and the University of Virginia. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

Sunday, June 10

4:30 pm

Roots of Plein Air Painting in Northern California at the I. Wolk Gallery, 1354 Main Street, St. Helena with Scott Shields, Ph.D., Chief Curator of the Crocker Art Museum Scott Shields will give a slide presentation about the historical roots of plein air painting in Northern California followed by a walk-through of the concurrent Northern Views exhibit held at the I. Wolk Gallery in St. Helena. He has many years of professional experience in museums in the Midwest and San Francisco Bay Area and has curated numerous exhibitions and written articles for various scholarly journals. A major text authored by Shields, Artists at Continent's End: The Monterey Peninsula Art Colony, 1875-1907, was released by The University of California Press in early 2006. RSVP to 707.963.8800.

Saturday, June 16

2 to 4 pm

The Art of Watercolor with Larry Cannon, Plein Air Artist Watercolor is an easy medium to use because it is easy to clean up, but not an easy one to master. Unlike oil painting where the artist works from dark values in the beginning to light values at the end, watercolors require the artist to preserve critical painting highlights while painting from light values in the beginning to the final dark values at completion. Learn more when plein air artist Larry Cannon gives a demonstration on the art of watercolor painting. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

Saturday, June 23

12:00 pm

A Trek up the Napa River with Captain Kevin Trzcinski, Napa River Excursions Meet at the Kennedy Park dock at noon for an exciting two-hour tour that uncovers Napa's little- known historical sites such as the location of the Uncle Sam's Winery, Napa Lumber Company and China Point, settlement to over 200 early Chinese settlers. Learn about Napa River fish and birds - mallards, wood ducks, herons, egrets, grebes, as well as the endangered Clapper Rail. Feel free to bring picnic supplies and don't forget your camera! \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

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Tue, Jun 5 7:00 pm Luis Bravo's Forever Tango A world-renowned, all-Argentine cast brings an unforgettable excitement and passion to the stage. The production traces, through music, dance, and dramatic vignettes, the Tango's colorful, often checkered history, from its beginnings in turn-of-the-century Buenos Aires bordellos to its acceptance into high society. Sensuous and sophisticated, the tango inhabits a world where everything can be said with the flick of a leg, the tug of a hand, the tap of a foot, and the arch of an eyebrow.

Sat, Jun 16 3:00 pm

Sun, Jun 24 3:00 pm Way Off Broadway - Lincoln Theater's Student Outreach Program presents: One of New York's most prestigious children's theater companies returns by popular demand for another production! Last year local students participated in this week-long workshop of theatrical skill-building, creative thinking and group participation, culminating in a performance that brought down the house! The Workshop is open to students ages 7-17. Limited space is available – early registration is suggested. To enroll call Patricia at 944-5814. Underwriting provided by The Communications Workers of America Local #9404.

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Tuesdays
June 26 – August 7

K – 2nd Grade: 9:00 to 10:30 am

Grades 3 – 5: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Napa Valley Museum Tuesday Kid's Camp Artists,

environmentalists and history educators from the Napa Valley Museum will offer fascinating and unique programs that will enrich the lives of your children. Art instruction will include kite-making, collage construction; as well as mask-making activities. Our environmental component will include local hiking, bird-watching and scientific experimentation. Our historical education will include exploration of local history and artifacts contained in our famed Napa Valley Museum trunks. \$10 per session. Reservations are required. Please call 707.944.0500.

The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students/seniors and \$2.50 for youth 7-17. Children under seven are admitted free. For additional information, please visit <a href="www.napavalleymuseum.org">www.napavalleymuseum.org</a> or call 707.944.0500.

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## **Residential Care Special Events**

Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.

May	2007					
Date	Э	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
26	Sat	8:30 am	Posting the Colors	<b>.</b>	VHC	**
		10:00 am	Fairfield Mall	MBS		Yes
	~	8:00 pm	Neil Sedaka		LT	Yes
27	Sun		Decoration of the Cemetery		VHC	
		6:00 pm	Watchfire		VHC	
28	Mon	10:00 am	Memorial Day Program		VHC	
31	Thu	6:00 pm	Pinochle Tournament		LL	Yes
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2	Sat	8:00 am	Peddlers Faire		GH	
5	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		LL	
		7:00 pm	Forever Tango		LT	Yes
6	Wed	1:00 pm	Dominos Tournament			
7	Thu	9:00 am	Richardson Bay Audubon Center	MBS		Yes
9	Sat	7:30 am	Belmont Simulcast Santa Rose	MDR		Yes
		11:00 am	GNW Elks Picnic		MPG	
			Poets & Writers		LL	
10	Sun		SF Giants/Oakland A's	MBS		Yes
12	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		LL	
13	Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council		GH	
		12:30 pm	LeMelange	MDR		Yes
14	Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance		Chp	
		11:45 am	Flag Ceremony		MPG	
15	Fri	5:00 pm	Rivercats/Las Vegas	MDR		Yes
16	Sat		Operation Gratitude		HRA	
		4:00 pm	Oakland A's/SL Cardinals	MDR		Yes
17	Sun	7:30 am	Napa Sr. Center Breakfast	MBS		Yes
18	Mon	1:00 pm	"Red Pin" Bowling Tournament		VHL	Yes
19	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		LL	
		10:30 am	Napa Sr. Sing-along		HRA	
20	Wed	10:00 am	Oakland A's/Cincinnati Reds	MBS		Yes
21	Thu	2:00 pm	Dix Bruce Country		HRA	
23	Sat	10:00 am	SF Giants/NY Yankees	MBS		Yes
		1:30 pm	Tap Show		HRA	
26	Tue	9:00 am	Ticket Tuesday		LL	
27	Wed	12:30 pm	LeMelange	MDR		Yes
28	Thu	6:00 pm	Pinochle Tournament		LL	Yes
30	Sat	10:00 am	Fairfield Mall	MBS		Yes

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; GR: Games Room; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; Lib: Lincoln Library, LL: Lee Lounge; LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; SF: San Francisco; Tav: Tavern; VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; VHL: Veterans Home Lanes; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

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## Fri, May 25 – "Bobby"

A new (2006) drama involving the lives of a group of individuals who are at the Ambassador Hotel on the day of Robert Kennnedy's assassination June 9, 1968. The film is a very good production by writerdirector-actor Emilo Estevez. The strong cast includes Anthony Hopkins, Helen Hunt, Wm. Macy, L. Fishburne and Sharon Stone. ☆ ☆☆

## **GRANT HALL** Theater doors open at 5:15 pm Wednesdays & Fridays

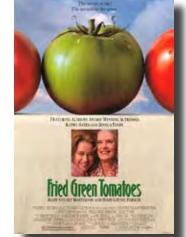
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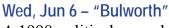
## Wed, May 30 - "Fried Green Tomatoes"

A 1991 drama stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Chris O'Donnell, Cecely Tyson and Stan Shaw. An enjoyable film, in which repressed Southern wife Bates meets and becomes friends with elderly Tandy at a nursing home. A first rate adaptation of Fannie Flagg's novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café." There is tale-spinning about escapades in the 1920s and '30s. ☆☆☆

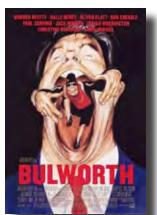


#### Fri. Jun 1 – "Music & Lyrics"

A new (2006) charming romantic comedy about a washed-up '80s pop star who gets a second chance. Stars Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore. An above average entertainment.



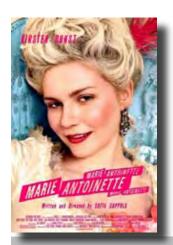
A 1998 political comedy stars Warren Beatty and Halle Berry. Beatty plays a California senator running for re-election in this satire. Considered one of Beatty's best films - as actor, director and co-writer. ☆☆☆





A new (2006) historical drama stars

Kirsten Durst, Rip Torn, Judy Davis and Jason Schwartzman. This is the retelling of the turbulent pre French Revolution days and the lives of child princess Marie Antoinette. Beautiful costumes and scenery filmed in France in and around Versailles. Written and directed by Sofia Coppola.



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